



2017

## Native Wildflower Checklist for Youth Art Contest

Did you know that Shenandoah National Park protects more than 850 flowering plants and their habitat? Seventy percent of these are native. Native plants—from large, showy trillium to the delightful Dutchman’s breeches to fantastic lady’s slipper orchids—are important to native pollinating insects, such as bees, butterflies and moths. The plants are connected to a wide-ranging network of fungi and other underground soil components.

Many of our native plants bloom in the spring: they can’t take the strong summer sunlight. As leaf buds open on trees at the lowest, warmest elevations in the springtime, they shade the forest floor, making it too dark for many flowering plants. So week by week, wildflowers bloom farther and farther up the mountainsides, keeping ahead of the advancing shade. The last trees at the highest elevations are fully leafed out by the end of May, and the spring wildflower season ends. But before long, a host of sun-loving summer flowers will start to bloom!

For this contest, **artists must select subjects from the following native spring wildflower species.** Artists are encouraged to research and learn more about their particular wildflower subjects.

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Entries must represent one or more of the following species in the flowering stage:

Allegheny Stonecrop (*Hylotelephium telephiooides*)

Annual Fleabane (*Erigeron annuus*)

Appalachian Gooseberry (*Ribes rotundifolium*)

Bloodroot (*Sanguinaria canadensis*)

Black Cherry (*Prunus serotina*)

Blue-Eyed Grass (*Sisyrinchium spp.*)

Bluets (*Houstonia caerulea*)

Canada Mayflower (*Maianthemum canadense*)

Chokecherry (*Prunus virginiana*)

Common Star Chickweed (*Stellaria pubera*)

Common Strawberry (*Fragaria virginiana*)

Coral Honeysuckle (*Lonicera sempervirens*)

Cut-Leaf Toothwort (*Cardamine concatenata*)

Deerberry (*Vaccinium stamineum*)

Downy Serviceberry (*Amelanchier arborea*)

Dutchman’s Breeches (*Dicentra cucullaria*)

Dwarf Cinquefoil (*Potentilla canadensis*)

Dwarf Crested Iris (*Iris cristata*)

Early Buttercup (*Ranunculus Fascicularis*)

Early Saxifrage (*Micranthes virginensis*)

Flowering Dogwood (*Cornus florida*)

Fringed Polygala (*Polygala paucifolia*)

Goats Beard (*Aruncus dioicus*)

Golden Alexanders (*Zizia aurea*)

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Golden Ragwort ( <i>Packera aurea</i> )	Solomon's Seal ( <i>Polygonatum spp.</i> )
Hawthorn ( <i>Crataegus spp.</i> )	Spiderwort ( <i>Tradescantia virginiana</i> )
Jack-in-the-Pulpit ( <i>Arisaema triphyllum</i> )	Spring Beauty ( <i>Claytonia virginica</i> )
Large-Flowered Trillium ( <i>Trillium grandiflorum</i> )	Trailing Arbutus ( <i>Epigaea repens</i> )
Leatherwood ( <i>Diras palustris</i> )	Upland Low Blueberry ( <i>Vaccinium pallidum</i> )
Lettuce Saxifrage ( <i>Micranthes micranthidifolia</i> )	Vernal Iris ( <i>Iris verna</i> )
Long-Bracted Orchid ( <i>Dactylorhiza viridis</i> )	Virginia Bluebell ( <i>Mertensia virginica</i> )
Lyreleaf Rockcress ( <i>Arabidopsis lyrata</i> )	Violets ( <i>Viola spp.</i> ) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Birdsfoot (<i>V. pedata</i>)</li> <li>– Canada (<i>V. canadensis</i>)</li> <li>– Northern Blue (<i>V. sororia</i>)</li> <li>– Striped Cream (<i>V. striata</i>)</li> <li>– Downy Yellow (<i>V. pubescens</i>)</li> <li>– Marsh Blue (<i>V. cucullata</i>)</li> <li>– Southern Wood (<i>V. hirsutula</i>)</li> <li>– Sweet White (<i>V. blanda</i>)</li> <li>– Wood (<i>V. palmata</i>)</li> </ul>
Marsh Marigold ( <i>Caltha palustris</i> )	Wake Robin ( <i>Trillium erectum</i> )
Mayapple ( <i>Podophyllum peltatum</i> )	Wild Bleeding Heart ( <i>Dicentra eximia</i> )
Minnie Bush ( <i>Menziesia pilosa</i> )	Wild Columbine ( <i>Aquilegia canadensis</i> )
Miterwort ( <i>Mitella diphylla</i> )	Wild Geranium ( <i>Geranium maculatum</i> )
Moss Phlox ( <i>Phlox subulata</i> )	Wild Ginger ( <i>Asarum canadense</i> )
Mountain Laurel ( <i>Kalmia latifolia</i> )	Wild Pink ( <i>Silene caroliniana</i> )
One-Flowered Cancerroot ( <i>Orobanche uniflora</i> )	Wild Stonecrop ( <i>Sedum ternatum</i> )
Painted Trillium ( <i>Trillium undulatum</i> )	Wood Anemone ( <i>Anemone quinquefolia</i> )
Perfoliate Bellwort ( <i>Uvularia perfoliata</i> )	Wood Betony ( <i>Pedicularis canadensis</i> )
Pink Lady's Slipper ( <i>Cypripedium acaule</i> )	Yellow Clintonia (Bluebead Lily) ( <i>Clintonia borealis</i> )
Pinxter Flower ( <i>Rhododendron periclymenoides</i> )	Yellow Corydalis ( <i>Corydalis flavula</i> )
Purple Clematis ( <i>Clematis occidentalis</i> )	Yellow Lady's Slipper ( <i>Cypripedium parviflorum</i> )
Pussytoes ( <i>Antennaria spp.</i> )	Yellow Stargrass ( <i>Hypoxis hirsuta</i> )
Redbud ( <i>Cercis canadensis</i> )	Yellow Trout Lily ( <i>Erythronium americanum</i> )
Rose Azalea ( <i>Rhododendron prinophyllum</i> )	
Rosy Twisted Stalk ( <i>Streptopus lanceolatus</i> )	
Roundleaf Ragwort ( <i>Packera obovata</i> )	
Round-lobed Hepatica ( <i>Anemone americana</i> )	
Rue Anemone ( <i>Thalictrum thalictroides</i> )	
Sessile Bellwort ( <i>Uvularia sessilifolia</i> )	
Showy Orchid ( <i>Galearis spectabilis</i> )	
Skunk Cabbage ( <i>Symplocarpus foetidus</i> )	
Small Whorled Pogonia ( <i>Isotria medeoloides</i> )	
Smooth Serviceberry ( <i>Amelanchier laevis</i> )	